



Response Under 37 CFR §1.116  
Expedited Procedure -- Group 2672

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/111,731 )  
Filed: July 8, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM )  
THEREFOR )

Examiner: M. Good-Johnson  
Group Art Unit: 2672  
May 30, 2001

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000, the period for response having been extended to June 5, 2001 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 10-17.